

packed my anti-malarials in my checked luggage, despite an overnight stay in Cairo, and forgot to take them on the first day in London. Two days of letting down the defences, combined with the bad luck of being bitten by a very nasty mosquito, was sufficient window of opportunity for the parasites.

Three days after hospitalisation I felt fine (my wife was deeply relieved when I asked her to bring some Indian take-away instead of the awful hospital fare), but it took a few more days to get the parasite count down to zero. After a total of five days I was back behind my computer as if nothing had happened. It had been my first time in a hospital, my first brush with serious illness, and the whole episode rapidly began to seem unreal. But I now carry a full kit for malaria treatment – quinine and *Mefloquine* – which I still have not needed to use. I have also acquired the nasty habit of persistently nagging those of my friends and colleagues who do not maintain anti-malarial discipline. At least, they cannot say: “But nobody ever gets malaria, anyway.”!— T.B. LARSEN, 358 Coldharbour Lane, London SE9 8PL.

### ***Sedina buettneri* (Hering) (Lep.: Noctuidae) in Essex, 1994**

On the night of 16th October 1994 a male *Sedina buettneri* (Blair's Wainscot) was found in the Heath light trap operated by Ms Barbara Lock in her garden at Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. She took the specimen to Reg Arthur, a member of the Essex Lepidoptera Panel who also runs a light trap at St. Osyth on the north Essex coast and he was able to confirm the identity. The moth was later photographed by another north-east lepidopterist, Ian Rose, before Ms Lock released it at Frinton as she did not wish the specimen to be retained. Colour prints of the moth were shown to Essex Lepidoptera Panel's animal records meeting on 19th November 1994, for further confirmation of identity. This is believed to be the first UK record of *S. buettneri* since 1966. J. FIRMIN, Chairman, Essex Lepidoptera Panel, 55 Chapel Road, West Bergholt, Colchester, Essex CO6 3HZ.

### **First Kent record of *Coleophora deviella* Zell. (Lep.: Coleophoridae)**

During a visit to the Swale National Nature Reserve at Shellness on 21st August 1983, I noticed three larval cases on the seeds of *Sueda maritima* and did not recognise them as being one of the common salt marsh species, but looking similar to *C. deviella*, the cases of which I had collected the previous October at Peldon, Essex.

I returned on the 2nd October 1983 and was able to establish that they were indeed *C. deviella* and a concentrated search produced a good number of full grown cases, albeit very sporadically distributed. They are very conspicuous on the foodplant and as I had not searched this same area for several consecutive autumns I can only surmise that at the time it was a recent arrival. Further cases were found on 7th October 1984, in the company of Michael Chalmers-Hunt.

The cases are larger than many species, being between 9 and 19mm long when full fed, very clean with no sand particles attached; pale whitish-ochreous in colour, often with between two and four orange longitudinal